

REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 10, 11, 14-22, 38-41 and 43-49 were pending in this application before the present amendment. Claims 47 and 48 have been cancelled. Claim 49 has been amended to incorporate the claim limitations of claim 47. Claim 38 has been amended to clarify the claim. No substantive changes have been made to claim 38.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. The Examiner indicated that claims 2-8, 10, 11, 14-22, 38-41 and 43-46 are allowed. Additionally, the Examiner indicated that claim 49 is objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the intervening claims. Applicants believe that this amendment puts the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in an appropriate continuation or divisional application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

While Applicant believes that any fees that accompany this paper have been calculated correctly, the undersigned hereby expressly authorizes the Office to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

Respectfully submitted,

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